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TO: County and District Superintendents

Secure Care Education Administrators Other State Agencies and Interested Parties

FROM: Julie Gasaway

Director of Special Projects

RE: Funding Application Seamless Transition Through Community Collaboration (FY 2002-2004)

Enclosed please find the FY 2002 Application for Seamless Transition Through Community Collaboration. The purpose of this application is to set forth the procedures whereby the Department of Education will allocate available federal funds in compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act pursuant to 300.622 (a). Funds must be used to supplement and, to the extent practicable, increase the level of state and local funds expended for the support of the education of children with disabilities. In no case may these funds be used to supplant those state and local funds.

Projects under the application will be funded upon notification of approval, which is anticipated to be September 1, 2001. The grant period will be October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2003. The first grant period will be 10/1/01-9/30/02. Consideration for renewal will be based on review of the first year financial and narrative completion reports (due 90 days after the end of the project period). To apply for funding, each applicant must address the identified priority only.

Grants will be awarded based upon the secure care education agency's needs as expressed in the application criteria. Priority will be given to applications that build capacity for reducing recidivism of special education students through successful reintegration from secure care facilities to the community. Grant awards will range from \$500 to \$50,000 per year. The total funds available for all grants will not exceed the approved amount per year for two years, renewable for a one-year period. A grant award, however, may not exceed \$50,000 per year per fiscal agent, no matter how many education agencies participate under the fiscal agent or grant.

Applications must be submitted to Tess Alan, Secure Care Coordinator at the Arizona Department of Education, Exceptional Student Services, in Tucson, no later than **September 14, 2001 at 5:00 pm.**

For those applicants whose projects are approved for funding, please remember that grant funds cannot be expended until the formal notice of the grant award is received.

Please share this application with each of your school principals. If you have any questions or need assistance, you may contact Tess Alan at (520) 628-6330.

Attachment